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SUBJECT: VISA ASSISTANCE FOR IRAQIS ATTENDING GERMAN MARSHALL FUND  
"FUTURE OF IRAQ" CONFERENCE

1. (SBU) Turkey's Union of Chambers of Commerce and Commodities Exchange (TOBB), the leading Turkish business association, and the German Marshall Fund will co-host a conference on "Iraq Futures" in Washington, DC April 10 - 11. TOBB has asked for assistance in facilitating travel of some Iraqi citizens to Washington to participate in this conference. Several of these live in the city of Kirkuk and others in Baghdad. TOBB will pay for all costs associated with their travel and stay in the United States. State Department Iraq Coordinator Amb. David Satterfield is expected to address the conference, as well as his Turkish counterpart, Oguz Celikkol, and other U.S. officials and think tank experts.

2. (SBU) As we seek to encourage Turkey to make a positive contribution to Iraqi stability and reconstruction, these types of collaborative efforts - including representatives from the different communities in Iraq - could be particularly helpful in building relationships and mutual confidence. This is an excellent opportunity to encourage direct interaction and open discussion about contentious subjects such as the future of Kirkuk.

3. (SBU) TOBB has asked us to assist with the issuance of visas to the United States. At least one of the twelve will apply in Dubai and one in Ankara, and the other ten will likely apply in Amman, Ankara or Istanbul. We understand that they all have "G-series" passports. We appreciate any and all appropriate assistance that posts can provide. Following is the current list of travelers, some or all of whom may need to apply for visas to the United States. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.

- Husain Awni, writer, Baghdad
- Hussein M. A. Haydar, political writer, Baghdad, wishes to apply in Amman
- Ali Salihi, Kirkuk Provincial Assembly Member, Kirkuk
- Wail Abdullatif, Former Minister, Iraq
- Sargon Lazar, Kirkuk Provincial Assembly Member, Kirkuk, wishes to apply in Amman
- Muhammed Khalil, Kirkuk Provincial Assembly Member, Kirkuk, wishes to apply in Ankara
- Awad Muhammed Emin, Kirkuk Provincial Assembly Member, Kirkuk, wishes to apply in Amman
- Ali Mehdi, Kirkuk Provincial Assembly Member, Kirkuk
- Ali M. Sadeq, Kirkuk Provincial Assembly Member, Kirkuk, wishes to apply in Ankara
- Ismet Abdulmejit Bakir, Iraq Court of Appeals Member, Baghdad, wishes to apply in Amman
- Ahmed al-Barrak, Lawyer, Iraq
- Rakan Said, Provincial Assembly Member, Iraq

- Rashad M. Omar, Former Minister, has applied in Dubai and will interview on April 3
- Mustafa-a-Hussain, TOBB University visiting scholar, Ankara, will apply in Ankara

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